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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : McCown et al.
Serial No. : 09/057,313
Filed : April 8, 1998
Title : CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND METHOD
Docket : 033449-002
Examiner : McAllister
Art Unit : 3652

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed on December 7, 2000 please amend the above-

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Sale Ref: 00000002 DMR: 200809 0905313
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claim 25 with replacement claim 25 as identified below:

~~25. (Twice Amended)~~ A method of transporting containers with a marine vessel comprising the steps of: